

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all previous versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-41. (canceled).

42. (currently amended) ~~The~~ An isolated polypeptide of ~~Claim 39~~ having at least 95% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 127;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 127, lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 127; or
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209263,
wherein said polypeptide inhibits VEGF stimulation of endothelial cell growth.

43. (currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of Claim ~~39~~ 42 having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:127;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 127, lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 127; or
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209263,
wherein said polypeptide inhibits VEGF stimulation of endothelial cell growth.

44. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 127;

(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 127, lacking its associated signal peptide;

(c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 127; or

(d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209263.

45. (currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 127.

46. (currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 127, lacking its associated signal peptide.

47. (currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 127.

48. (canceled).

49. (previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209263.

50. (currently amended) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim ~~39~~ 42 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

51. (previously presented) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 50, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an epitope tag or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.